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           CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION
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       CORY SPENCER, an individual; DIANA )
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       MILENA REED, an individual; and
       COASTAL PROTECTION RANGERS, INC., a)
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       California non-profit public
       benefit corporation,
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                    Plaintiffs,
                                             Case No.: 2:16-cv-2129
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            vs.
       LUNADA BAY BOYS; THE INDIVIDUAL
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       MEMBERS OF THE LUNADA BAY BOYS,
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       including but not limited to SANG
       LEE, BRANT BLAKEMAN, ALAN JOHNSTON,)
       AKA JALIAN JOHNSTON, MICHAEL RAE
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       PAPAYANS, ANGELO FERRARA, FRANK
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       FERRARA, CHARLIE FERRARA AND CITY
       OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES; CHIEF OF
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       POLICE JEFF KEPLEY, in his
       representative capacity; and DOES
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                    Defendants.
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                              DEPOSITION
                              Jeff Kepley
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                       Monday, October 10, 2016
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1	And so I think, in terms of what I was	11:11:31
2	communicating, at that time, that was my concern.	
3	Q And why were you concerned about a rift between	11:11:41
4	the police and the surfers?	
5	A Because I wanted cooperation. I wanted	11:11:52
6	compliance. I wanted safety. I want the beach to be	
7	open to everyone. And I wanted, if there were to be any	
8	criminal activity down there, I wanted it to be	
9	eliminated first through compliance and cooperation.	
10	And lastly, if need be, through arrests. Whereas, I	
11	think the articles had that reversed.	
12	Q And when you said, I can't have that right now,	11:12:23
13	I can't have a rift right now, what did you mean by	
14	that?	
15	A Well, we were at the point where, I think, my	11:12:29
16	staff was out there trying to build relationships and	
17	trying to gain compliance and cooperation. And I didn't	
18	want to jeopardize that.	((
19	Q And was your desire to clarify the perception,	11:12:46
20	was that based upon the letters that you received from	
21	the community? Or was it based upon conversations that	
22	you had with members who were in positions of city	
23	leadership?	
24	A I never talked to anyone at city council. But	11:13:06
25	part of that was a result of my conversation with my	
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1	city manager, my boss. It wasn't a direction. It was	
2	just conversation.	
3	But it was also as a result of reading the	11:13:15
4	newspaper articles that were focusing on that and	
5	articles on the Internet as far away as Australia,	
6	boasting about this Police Chief can't wait to make an	
7	arrest. And I thought that's just hype. The media is	
8	hyping this up. And I need to put it back into	
9	perspective.	
10	Q What were the conversations with the city	11:13:37
11	manager about?	
12	A Just me expressing my concern to him that, what	11:13:42
13	I believe in, and what I said, and what I'm trying to do	
14	is being hyped and spun up and used for publicity.	
15	O Did he have similar concerns?	11:13:56
16	A I think so.	11:13:57
17	Q Did he express that to you?	11:13:58
18	A He did. I don't know specifically what he	11:14:03
19	said, but he concurred.	
20	Q Did he believe it was a problem?	11:14:08
21	A I don't know.	11:14:12
22	O Did he want you to clarify it with the media?	11:14:13
23	A He concurred with my plan to do so. He didn't	11:14:18
24	necessarily direct me to do that, or express an order,	
25	if you will. But he concurred that I was doing the	
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1	right thing.	
2	O Okay. I think you also said in that article	11:14:30
3	that many of the officers that have been with the Palos	
4	Verdes Estates Police Department have been there over 20	
5	years. And they know the surfers. And that	
6	establishing relationships, when possible, is effective	
7	policing.	
8	Do you recall saying that?	11:14:53
9	A No. But that's something I've said many times.	11:14:55
10	Q Okay. And do you think that establishing	11:14:58
11	relationships is more effective policing than arresting	
12	someone who has perhaps crossed the line and make an	
13	example out of them?	
14	MR. WORGUL: Objection; incomplete	11:15:14
15	hypothetical.	
16	MS. LUTZ: Join.	11:15:23
17	THE WITNESS: We do both. We have effective	11:15:23
18	relationships for those that might be engaged in	
19	non-public issues. But when they cross the line and an	
20	arrest is appropriate, we make the arrest. We don't	
21	preclude an arrest based on a preexisting relationship.	
22	We do the right thing.	
23	BY MS. WOLF	11:15:37
24	O You said some of these police officers have	11:15:38
25	been with the police department for over 20 years. To	
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1	your knowledge, had they had preexisting relationships	
2	with surfers?	
3	A Yeah, I believe. So just based on the fact	11:15:48
4	that they had been there that long. And some of the	
5	surfers grew up in that area and had been there that	
6	long, as well.	
7	Q And I think you had said that it can be	11:15:56
8	sometimes unhealthily to establish a relationship. If	
9	it's a buddy relationship, it makes it hard for the	
10	officer to do his job impartially. Was that a concern	
11	of yours?	
12	A Where did I say that?	11:16:12
13	Q To the same reporter at The Daily Breeze.	11:16:14
14	A Okay. And was that a published article?	11:16:16
15	O It was.	11:16:20
16	MR. RICHARDS: Are we not seeing it?	11:16:22
17	THE WITNESS: I don't have that.	11:16:24
18	BY MS. WOLF	11:16:25
19	Q I'm just asking: Is that something that you	11:16:25
20	remember saying or not?	
21	A I think it's fair to say that I had many	11:16:33
22	conversations with many reporters, some of which had to	
23	do with the finite detail of policing, where the	
24	relationships, the compliance and the enforcement all	
25	kind of come together.	
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1	Q Okay. And do you, as you sit here now, do you	11:16:49
2	believe that it can be dangerous if police officers	
3	establish more of a buddy relationship with the people	
4	they are trying to police?	
5	MR. WORGUL: Objection; calls for speculation,	11:17:07
6	incomplete hypothetical.	
7	THE WITNESS: Based on my experience, it could	11:17:13
8	represent an increased challenge for that officer to	
9	make an arrest if he had a buddy relationship. So in	
10	that context, yes. But it's important to have those	=
11	relationships in place.	
12	BY MS. WOLF	11:17:31
13	O And do you think do you have any concerns	11:17:32
14	that your officers have established a buddy relationship	
15	with any of the surfers at Lunada Bay?	
16	A I don't have any information that suggests that	11:17:41
17	there is buddy relationships that would inhibit an	
18	officer's ability to enforce the law.	
19	MR. WORGUL: I will interpose a late objection:	11:17:57
20	that it's vague and ambiguous as to what a buddy	
21	relationship is.	
22	BY MS. WOLF	11:18:07
23	Q I'm going to ask that this email be marked	11:18:27
24	Exhibit 11.	
25	(Exhibit 11 was marked for	
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Re: Spencer v. City of Palos Verdes Estates

Dear Mr. Kellerman and Counsel:

Please permit this email to meet and confer on issues relating to the preservation, collection, search, review and production of Electronically Stored Information ("ESI").

As you will recall, the parties stipulated to the United States District Court, Northern District of California Guidelines for the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information ("Guidelines"). You indicated a familiarity with these Guidelines so it should come as no surprise that Plaintiffs' June 8, 2016 letter demanding preservation of "all e-mail, instant messaging, text messages, voice mail messages, image files (including PDF, TIFF, JPG, and GIF images), other electronic communications of the persons or entities identified above, word processing documents, spreadsheets, databases, calendars, telephone logs, video or audio files, and all other data or information generated by and/or stored on your existing or prior computers and storage media, or hosted on online storage systems, or existing on an Internet-based application, as well as any other media (e.g., hard disks, flash drives, backup tapes, etc.), as well as any social media posts or comments (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat)" is overly broad and unduly prejudicial. The Guidelines specifically state that "...the Court discourages the use of overbroad preservation letters." In addition, the Plaintiffs' letter violates the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("FRCP") 34(b) in that Plaintiffs' demand for preservation of "all ESI within City Defendants' possession (including city council members, city commissioners, employees, assistants, agents, secretaries, etc.), as well as all that is under City Defendants' control" is not

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reasonably particular. Moreover, it demands ESI from sources that are not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. See FRCP 26(b)(2)(B).

The stipulated Guidelines require the parties to apply the proportionality standard set forth in FRCP 26(b)(1) to discovery of ESI. In order to assure reasonableness and proportionality in ESI discovery, Plaintiffs should immediately advise, with as much detail as possible, the names of relevant City employee witnesses, the relevant date ranges, the sources of ESI Plaintiffs know or believe are likely to contain relevant information, and any other information that might assist the defense in determining what information to preserve. In addition, Plaintiffs should advise us of what ESI sources are not believed relevant to their case so the City need not incur unnecessary expense in preserving difficult to access or irrelevant information. On Plaintiffs providing the necessary information regarding ESI, we propose the parties meet to discuss developing a scope of preservation that is proportionate and reasonable, and not disproportionately broad, expensive, or burdensome.

We are in receipt of Plaintiffs' Requests for Production Set One, which our office received yesterday evening. The initial review indicates the ESI requested in the written discovery is also overly broad (e.g., "... any and all miscellaneous files and file fragments and metadata, regardless of the media on which they reside and regardless of whether said ELECTRONICALLY STORED information exists in an active file, deleted file, or file fragment."). Therefore, although the substantive scope of the documents at issue may have been narrowed, our proportionality concerns and the need for further ESI preservation specificity must still be addressed.

Given the recently served written discovery, we request Plaintiffs provide us with this information by no later than close of business on Thursday, October 27, 2016 and that the parties' meet and confer within shortly thereafter on these matters.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Christopher D. Glos

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Re:

Spencer v. City of Palos Verdes Estates

Our File No. 999985.369

Dear Mr. Song,

Thank you for your letter dated November 10, 2016 regarding our November 4, 2016 initial meet and confer call and follow-up letter. While we agree with your characterization that the purpose of the call was to discuss the scope of the City's preservation obligations as well as discuss Plaintiff's Request for Production, Set One, we agree with little else. In fact, the City's cooperative disclosure regarding technical issues may obviate any need for segmenting discovery by custodian, at least for certain classes of discovery.

#### Preservation Issues

First and foremost, the difficulty cooperating on preservation issues came from the City's repeated mantra that it was somehow Plaintiffs' duty to identify custodians *ab initio*. We simply disagree especially at this stage of the discussion. We did suggest that while certain classes of employees would be more likely to be custodians of relevant information, we cannot identify them with greater specificity without better discussion of such mundane details as the types of electronic systems in use by the City and who is authorized to create, send, receive, modify or store information on those systems. Your ESI liaison was not on the call as promised and that information is still not forthcoming. It is extremely relevant to the discussion of proportional preservation. In short, it is Defendants who are not cooperating and thus not complying with the obligations under the ESI Guidelines and the stipulation entered into by the parties to this action.

#### Communications Systems

The City utilizes various systems for communications and record-keeping that certainly hold relevant evidence. You represented the City managed those systems sufficiently to meet its PRA record retention obligations. Our problem stems from the fact that some of those systems are generally obvious and some aren't. The first step in a cooperative discussion is disclosure of those systems.

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For example, we can safely agree the City has an email system, however the boundaries of that system, limitations on which individuals are given accounts, the ability of the system to archive messages, the timing of and forms in which message archives occur and the reliability of an archive system to capture every message are hidden from us. If email messages are properly archived, custodians are generally irrelevant. If they are not properly archived, then a more detailed discussion of custodians might be appropriate. As outlined in our prior letter, disclosing the names of user mailboxes the City has put on legal hold would help us help you limit preservation.

Similarly, we did briefly discuss the issues of other electronic messaging systems, such as text messaging and chat, whether based on centralized services (such as Lync, MS Communicator, Jabber, Skype, etc.), as well as mobile device carrier provisioned services. We have similar issues with respect to what you have not discussed or disclosed as to which, if any, systems are in use, the boundaries of those systems, limitations on which individuals are given accounts, whether systems are city supported, simply allowed or blocked, the ability of those systems to archive messages, the timing and forms in which message archives occur and the reliability of the archive system to capture every message.

In similar light, we also did briefly discuss the issue of SMS and MMS text (carrier-based) mobile device messaging in some detail. As we discussed on the call, to the extent the City is capturing those messages from the carrier to an archive, we would not need targeted device preservation. Put another way, we would not need users to preserve messages on their phones where they are highly vulnerable to loss. Further in such instances, identifying custodians is irrelevant as the data is in centralized control. In furtherance, you disclosed and we discussed the burden on the City of periodic imaging of the devices to address our request to preserve deleted, but not overwritten relevant information. This suggests the City is not properly archiving or otherwise meeting PRA retention requirements for those communications, which means any burden is of their own creation. However, before we can agree to limit preservation in those instances, we need to know which employees are provided with those devices — information which is exclusively within the control of the City.

Further, we did identify and discuss certain web-based communications systems, referring specifically to Nextdoor.com and Nixle.com, that we expected the City to preserve. The two were discussed as examples – to the extent other cloud, web or social media systems are used and contain relevant data, they should be preserved. We extensively discussed the City's use of Nextdoor.com – a service of which you were not aware - and the need to preserve the City's relevant communications via that channel. The fact you were not even aware of Nextdoor, or what it did, gave us grave concern that preservation had not occurred as of the date of either the March filing of the complaint or our subsequent June 8, 2016 preservation request letter. You assured us the City took appropriate steps to preserve the Nextdoor.com information and that it is ongoing. But the means by which the City preserves its social media presence has not been disclosed such that identification of relevant custodians is thwarted. We did request the City preserve information for those city employees that have access to, post to, manage or respond to messages on those systems, and any other social media system leveraged by the city, as relevant custodians.

We also discussed the use of *personal* mobile devices by city employees while acting in the course and scope of their employment. You indicated you were making efforts to address voluntary preservation of those devices. However, we certainly did not agree that the City was

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not in possession, custody or control of those devices. To the extent the City allows such use to occur by policy (or lack thereof), allows users to connect those devices to city systems or systems under the city's control (such as email, Nextdoor or Nixle, among others) and those devices hold relevant information, the City has sufficient control over those devices such that the relevant information they hold should be preserved and produced in discovery.

#### Recordkeeping Systems

As discussed on the call, at his deposition, Chief Kepley identified two different record keeping systems in use by the police department. We did not discuss other records management systems in more general use by the City. Nor did we discuss details of the two systems Kepley identified. Full explication of how the City creates and stores electronic documents, and whether or not those systems are centralized or distributed also has great bearing on whether or not information should be segmented by custodian.

#### Plaintiffs' Request for Production, Set One.

First and foremost, a cooperative understanding of the systems in use by the City would go a long way to both narrowing the requests as well as prioritizing the response. If communications are reliably archived, the need to recover deleted but not yet overwritten messages is greatly attenuated. It may well be that some systems are reliably archived (email) while others aren't (carrier text messages) such that agreement as to one type of electronic communication may not address deficiencies or limitations self-imposed by the city as to others. However, at the end of the day, it is the City that selected and implemented these systems, presumably with their recordkeeping obligations in mind when they did so. As such they bear the full burden for any failure on their part to ensure the information contained in the systems they deploy would be efficiently accessible to respond to requests for information.

We also explained on the call that we would not expect information from systems that pre-dates the adoption of the systems by the city. Finally, certain of the requests included specific date ranges limiting the scope of production.

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#### Conclusion

In summary, the need to identify custodians turns in part on the extent the City has taken control and centralized archives of communications and other ESI. When asked in deposition questions about whether or not the information is held centrally or distributed across user devices, the City Manager deferred the answer to DTI, the company that employs your ESI liaison. Mr. Dahlerbruch also provided testimony as to certain individuals likely to possess responsive and relevant information. We therefore suggest that you coordinate with Mr. Dahlerbruch to identify these custodians, as he is in the best position to identify the relevant custodians, not Plaintiffs. To the extent you believe further discussion is necessary as to the identity of relevant custodians for purposes of preservation, please first provide us a list of the custodians identified by Mr. Dahlerbruch and we can go from there.

Very truly yours,

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Re: Spencer, et al v. City of Palos Verdes Estates, et al.

Dear Ms. Wolff:

Please permit this letter to respond to inaccuracies in your November 22, 2016 correspondence relating to your characterization of our communications to date.

First, we communicated to your office our desire for the City's ESI liaison to listen to our meet-and-confer telephone conference for the purpose of assisting the City. We never made any "promise" as you claim regarding his attendance on the call or that his presence was an invitation for you to obtain information not otherwise permitted. As such, your characterization is grossly inaccurate.

Second, we specifically communicated to you that we, among other things, preserved City-owned police department phone data and requested its police officers to voluntarily provide access to and preserve all data, if any, on <u>personal</u> electronic devices. We informed you that the City could not compel the officers to do so, because those personal devices are not within the City's control, possession, or custody. Moreover, the City cannot violate an officer's (or any employee's) privacy rights by accessing data on personal electronic devices without any evidence from Plaintiffs that those personal devices even hold work-related data. Further, Plaintiffs have failed to show that even if their personal electronic devices were used in the course and scope of employment, that any of that data is relevant to this lawsuit. As such, we directed you to take whatever action Plaintiffs deemed appropriate with respect to police officer personal electronic devices. You made no objection on the phone.

I am attaching recent correspondence from Mastagni Holstedt, legal counsel for the Palos Verdes Police Officers' Association ("PVPOA"), wherein they refuse the City's multiple attempts to obtain the data on officers' personal electronic devices. They letter speaks for itself, and it is incumbent on Plaintiffs to obtain whatever information they deem relevant to their

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lawsuit from any police officers' personal electronic devices. To reiterate, City is not in custody, control, or possession of the <u>personal</u> devices or the data on those personal devices of its police officers, nor does the City have any ability to compel the officers to provide such access or data. Thus, any request for such access or preservation should be directed to the Mastagni Holstedt as counsel for the PVPOA. Counsel's contact information is on the letterhead of the attached correspondence.

Third, we did not advise you that we were unaware of Nextdoor, but we did tell you that we were unfamiliar with its application.

Going forward, we request you provide a more accurate account of any verbal discussions.

· Sincerely,

Jacob Song

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Re:

Spencer v City of Palos Verdes

Dear Mr. Glos:

As we discussed, my firm has been retained to represent the Palos Verdes Police Officers' Association (PVPOA) regarding the "Data Hold" request in connection with the Spencer v City of Palos Verdes, et al. case and discovery of personal electronic devices of its members. In this regard, we have been authorized, if necessary, to intervene in the Spencer case to protect the privacy rights of the members of the PVPOA.

As you pointed out in your meet and confer letters with plaintiffs' counsel, their June 8, 2016 letter demanding preservation of evidence, including electronically stored information ("ESI") pertaining to the *Spencer*, et al. v City of Palos Verdes, et al. lawsuit is extremely overbroad and disproportionately burdensome on the City and the Police Department. Plaintiff Spencer's Request for Production of Documents is likewise vague and overbroad with respect to the demand for ESI, particularly as that demand may apply to non-defendant officers employed with the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department.

Our concern relates to efforts by the plaintiffs, through a request for production of documents served on the City of Palos Verdes Estates, or by Chief Kepley or the City in connection with their efforts to respond to a request for production, to obtain access to personal electronic devices owned/used by officers employed by the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department or to impose improper and burdensome restrictions on their ability to manage personal data on such devices.

None of the officers of the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department officers are defendants in the *Spencer* case, or even identified in the complaint. While the complaint refers to a couple of instances where reports of incidents were allegedly made to unidentified officers, nothing in the complaint even remotely suggests that any officers of the City of Palos Verdes

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Estates Police Department ever used a personal electronic device to communicate regarding any of the matters alleged in the complaint, much less that they did so during the course and scope of their employment.

It is our position that to the extent the request for production of documents or the preservation letter may be directed to personal electronic devices owned or used by officers of the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department, the requests are clearly overbroad and violate the privacy rights of the officers with respect to information which may be stored on such devices. Moreover, disclosure of private information on personal electronic devices could potentially expose officers to discipline for matters wholly unrelated to the *Spencer* action simply based on departmental disapproval of the content.

In addition, the demand for preservation of ESI is so broad that when applied to an officer's personal electronic devices it could potentially expose an officer to disciplinary action simply for deleting wholly unrelated and irrelevant personal photos, text messages, e-mails or other data and it also unreasonably would restrict an officer's right and ability to manage their personal electronic devices.

In this regard, efforts by the City, Chief Kepley or the Department to obtain access to personal electronic devices owned/used by officers employed by the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department would violate the personal privacy rights of the officers under the State of California and United States Constitutions as well as their statutory protections under Labor Code §980, the California Electronic Communications Privacy Act (Penal Code 1546, et seq.), the Stored Communications Act (18 USC § 2701, et seq.), the California Comprehensive Computer Data Access and Fraud Act (Penal Code §502) and other state or federal privacy, labor or electronic data statutes.

It is also our position that personal electronic devices owned/used by officers employed by the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department are not under the care, custody or control of the City of Palos Verdes Estates or the Department and, therefore, are beyond the proper scope of a request for production served by plaintiffs. And, even assuming for the sake of argument that personal electronic are arguably are considered within the care, custody or control of the City or the Department (which they are not), the information on such devices is protected by the officers' rights of privacy and statutory protections as discussed above.

The foregoing is not intended to set forth all potential defenses, privileges, rights and issues regarding attempts to access personal electronic devices and ESI of officers employed at the City of Palos Verdes Estates Police Department and the Association and its member expressly reserve any and all rights, privileges and defenses they may have with respect to discovery regarding their personal information and/or personal electronic devices.

While the PVPOA is open to a solution which does not violate the right of privacy of its members, we object to the attempts to impose overbroad and burdensome restrictions on the rights of officers to use their personal electronic devices and the overboard and invasive attempts to gain access to such devices in violation of the officers' rights of privacy as discussed above. In this

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regard, we are fully prepared to intervene in the *Spencer* case to protect the privacy rights of the members of the PVPOA.

If you and/or plaintiffs' counsel would like to discuss the foregoing and possible resolution of this dispute regarding access to personal electronic devices, please let me know as we look forward to the opportunity to resolve this without the necessity of litigation.

Sincerely,

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